Reply of Government.—Water-supply to the town is an urgent necessity, and a project is under preparation. Both cholera and plague have been devastating the town.

SUBJECT No. 492.

Water-supply to the town of Harihar.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao, Taluk Member, Harihar.

Summary of discussion.—The population of Harihar town has been very much cut down owing to the constant visitation of plague and other diseases for the last seven or eight years. There are no water facilities both in and outside the town. When people evacuate the town on account of plague and live outside, they suffer very much for want of water. The river water has been condemned by medical authorities as being unfit for drinking purposes owing to the existence of cholera germs in it. The necessity for the execution of water works was represented last year in Subject No. 476 of the Proceedings of the Representative Assembly for 1904. The townspeople of Davangere also pray for water-supply from the river to their town as represented last year in Subject No. 479. The matter may be investigated and the work executed early.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* Subject No. 491.

SUBJECT No. 493.

Remission of the Hulbanni amount, and the increase of the assessment on dry lands in the Holalkere Taluk on account of the failure of rain during 1904-05.

Mr. Gunderi Gopalaiya, District Board Member, Holalkere.

Summary of discussion.—The major portion of the occupied lands is lying waste owing to the failure of rainfall this year in the Holalkere Taluk, and men and cattle are very much distressed for food and fodder. It is therefore requested that the Hulbanni amount and the increase of the assessment on dry lands as per Revision Survey Settlement may be kindly remitted this year.

Reply of Government.—The matter may be represented to the Deputy Commissioner.

SUBJECT No. 494.

Abolition of tax on plots of ground detached from houses in Harihar Sub-Taluk.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao, Sub-Taluk Member, Harihar.

Summary of discussion.—Raiyats in this sub-taluk own plots of ground detached from their houses within the village site for agricultural purposes and for storing fodder for their cattle. The plots of ground were never brought under taxation, but for the last ten years a tax of eight annas to Rs. 1-8-0 has been levied on such grounds. The grievance was represented last year in Subject No. 168. Final orders may be passed for the abolition of the said tax.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* Subject No. 64.

SUBJECT No. 495.

Construction of a building for the Taluk Office at Chitaldrug.

Messrs. Vedanta Iyengar and Dastagir Saib, Municipal Members, Chitaldrug.

Summary of discussion.—The Taluk Cutcherry at Chitaldrug is being held in a rented building for the last four years. It is requested that a new building may be constructed outside the town for the location of the same.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered early.